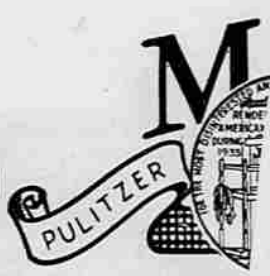


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Students Riot When Georgia Gov. Wants Bowl Game Stopped

Atlanta—(U.P.)—Georgia Tech students, angered over a racial ban on the Sugar Bowl, fought past troopers and stormed the state capitol Saturday in the most riotous protest since 1941 when the late Gov. Eugene Talmadge tried to regiment the professors.

Gov. Marvin Griffin, who demanded for action to prevent the Sugar Bowl game with a Pittsburgh team using a Negro fullback touched off the storm, was burned in effigy at least six times Friday night and early Saturday.

Paces Floor
After pacing the floor of his home while students demonstrated outside the mansion and at the state capitol, Griffin took

Merger of Crafts, Trades Explored; AFL-CIO to Unite

New York—(U.P.)—Competing AFL and CIO trade and craft unions explored merger possibilities Saturday, inspired by the action of their two parent groups that will unite at an inaugural convention Monday into a single organization of almost 16,000,000 members.

All the preliminary mechanics of the AFL-CIO merger were carried out in separate conventions of the two groups which concluded Friday.

Both gave overwhelming approval, although Michael Quill, president of the CIO Transport Workers Union, pleaded fervently for defeat of the resolution merger on the grounds it failed to provide proper safeguards against racism, racketeering and raiding.

Opposition Blasted
President Walter P. Reuther and other CIO officials blasted Quill's opposition as "unbecomingly" and said the constitution of the new AFL-CIO would provide even stronger regimentation of laborer's three "R's" than now existed.

Quill's vote and that of delegates representing industrial unions in Springfield, Ill., and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., were the only opposition voiced against the merger as the CIO concluded its two-day convention.

The AFL, which also held a two-day convention here prior to Monday's merger meeting, approved the "marriage" unanimously Thursday.

The merger of all the separate and duplicating unions in the two labor organizations was expected to be accomplished eventually although Reuther and AFL President George Meany, who will head the new AFL-CIO, admitted it would be a "terrific" task that might take years.

Already, according to union spokesmen, several of these duplicating groups have agreed to merge their forces. Mentioned specifically were the paper and pulp workers and the shoe and leather workers. Several others were reported deep in merger talks, their specific purpose being to eliminate overlapping jurisdictional and organizational problems.

License Number of Driver Identified

Mrs. Frank Fawcett, 1016 Queen Ann st., Medford, identified the "Courtesy Driver of the Day" Saturday, and received a \$15 award. The award totaled \$15 because Safe-Driving Day's license number, for which there was a \$10 prize, was not identified.

The courtesy driver was part of Medford's Safety Council's "Partner in Safety" program, which included a slogan contest and a "Mrs. Jaywalker" identification. The slogan contest will continue for the next two weeks.

Mrs. Elvia Wood, 27 North Columbus ave., Medford identified Mr. Jaywalker in Medford, and H. D. Burns of Central Point identified the Central Point Mr. Jaywalker. The anti-jaywalking contest will continue for the next few days.

Stuttgart, Germany—(U.P.)—Concert pianist Walter Gieseking received serious head injuries and his wife was killed Friday night when a bus in which they were riding crashed.

Bobby Grier Unhappy About Causing Trouble

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—Pitt Fullback Bobby Grier, center of a bitter sports racial controversy, said Saturday "all this trouble will not affect my play."

The Negro player declared "I'll be in there to win" when the University of Pittsburgh shows up to play Georgia Tech in the Sugar Bowl Jan. 2. "But I'm awfully sorry for all this trouble has come about," the 22-year-old senior letterman said. He said he never had encountered race trouble before, at home or on the gridiron.

Water, Sanitary, Fire Districts to Hold Elections

Voters in the Grand View water district and South Bear Creek sanitary district will decide bond issues in elections tomorrow.

Commissioners and directors also will be elected in eight water districts, three fire districts and one sanitary district.

Annexation Proposal
Members of the Medford rural fire district, will vote on a proposal to annex property between Griffin creek and Griffin creek rd., which includes Griffin creek grange and school.

A proposal to issue \$40,000 worth of bonds for additional funds for construction of trunk and lateral sewer lines will be submitted to voters in the South Bear Creek sanitary district.

Residents of the Grand View water district will decide a proposed \$27,000 bond issue for additional water distribution and installation of fire hydrants.

Candidates Listed
Candidates for election as commissioners in eight water districts are: Charles Hoppe, Jacksonville Highway water district; Eddie Berteau, Midway; Mrs. Jacqueline Moore and Floyd W. Fogelquist, Grand View; John Kluckert and Edwin C. Rutter, Maple Park; Herman W. Newland, Kenwood; B. Sam Taylor, Elk City; Claude L. Gunter, Kings Highway; and Jack W. Bush, Charlotte Anne.

Edward Stevens is candidate for director in the South Bear Creek sanitary district. Candidates for director in the rural fire districts are: Harper Hamilton, Medford; Claude Hoover, Central Point; and Glenn Hutchinson, Rogue River rural fire department.

Police Standby
Reinforced highway police were put on standby guard at the capitol and mansion for the weekend in an informal "state of siege" to guard against further marches.

The student activity was only part of the protest. Telegrams poured in to Griffin and Tech officials from across the country, condemning Griffin's statement of policy which could ruin both Tech and its sister school, the University of Georgia, as a national athletic attractions.

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'Surrender to Business' Issue '56, Harriman Says

Convention Commends Desegregation Action

Oklahoma City—(U.P.)—Gov. Averell Harriman of New York said Saturday he believes a major 1956 campaign issue will be what he termed "President Eisenhower's surrender to big business."

Harriman, in a news conference prior to his speech at the closing banquet of the national convention of Young Democratic clubs, declared "The Republicans have turned over our natural resources right and left to the public utilities monopoly."

Expands Theme
In his speech, Harriman expanded on the theme by charging the Eisenhower administration with conducting a "giant grab-bag for private privilege" while farmers are caught in an "economic squeeze."

Delegates to the convention sidestepped a civil rights debate which had caused a split in the resolutions committee. The committee, which passed a resolution commending the U.S. Supreme Court and Interstate Commerce Commission for desegregation rulings by a 8-9 margin earlier, finally sent two substitute measures to the floor instead.

In the final general business session, the delegates approved the two resolutions with no debate. They called for Federal aid to education and additional aid to states which integrate negro and white students in public schools.

Not Candidate
Harriman, in reply to newsmen's questions, said he did not consider himself an "active candidate" for the 1956 Democratic presidential nomination.

He declined further comment on Adlai Stevenson's "moderation" views, Stevenson, in a speech here Friday, reminded the delegates of his much-discussed Chicago statement—"We must never confuse moderation with mediocrity or settle for half answers to hard problems."

In regards to the "Moderation" discussion, Harriman said, "I'm not going to pursue it any further."

Oklahoma, Gov. Raymond Gary, who sat beside Harriman at the news conference, was asked if he supported Harriman.

"Oklahoma Democrats like a hard-hitting candidate," Gary replied.

Asked if he thought Harriman fitted the specifications, Gary added, "I like the way he talks."

French Elections Set For Jan. 2
Paris—(U.P.)—Premier Edgar Faure and his "lame duck" cabinet Saturday set Jan. 2 as the day France will elect a new National Assembly and the 12 political parties in the outgoing chamber immediately began preparations for the contest.

The elections shaped up as a struggle for political power between Faure and former Premier Pierre Mendes-France, once the best of friends. It threatened to split wide open the venerable Radical Socialist party from which Mendes-France had Faure expelled.

Judge H. K. Hanna Returns From Portland
Circuit Court Judge H. K. Hanna returned to his home in Jacksonville Saturday after a week in Portland for medical care.

It was reported that he is feeling well and will attend court Monday.

Rehabilitation Projects At Four Mile, Fish Lakes To Be Completed Next Fall

Construction of concrete spillways and fish screens at Four Mile and Fish lakes, begun last August, will not be completed until next fall, according to James A. Callan, Medford bureau of reclamation construction engineer.

Work at Four Mile lake is nearing completion. A concrete spillway has been completed and a 400-foot long concrete parapet, from 1½ to 3½ feet high, has been built on the crest of the rock fill dike which forms the lake. Concrete has been poured for a screen in front of the out-

let works to prevent fish from leaving the lake, but the screen has not yet been installed.

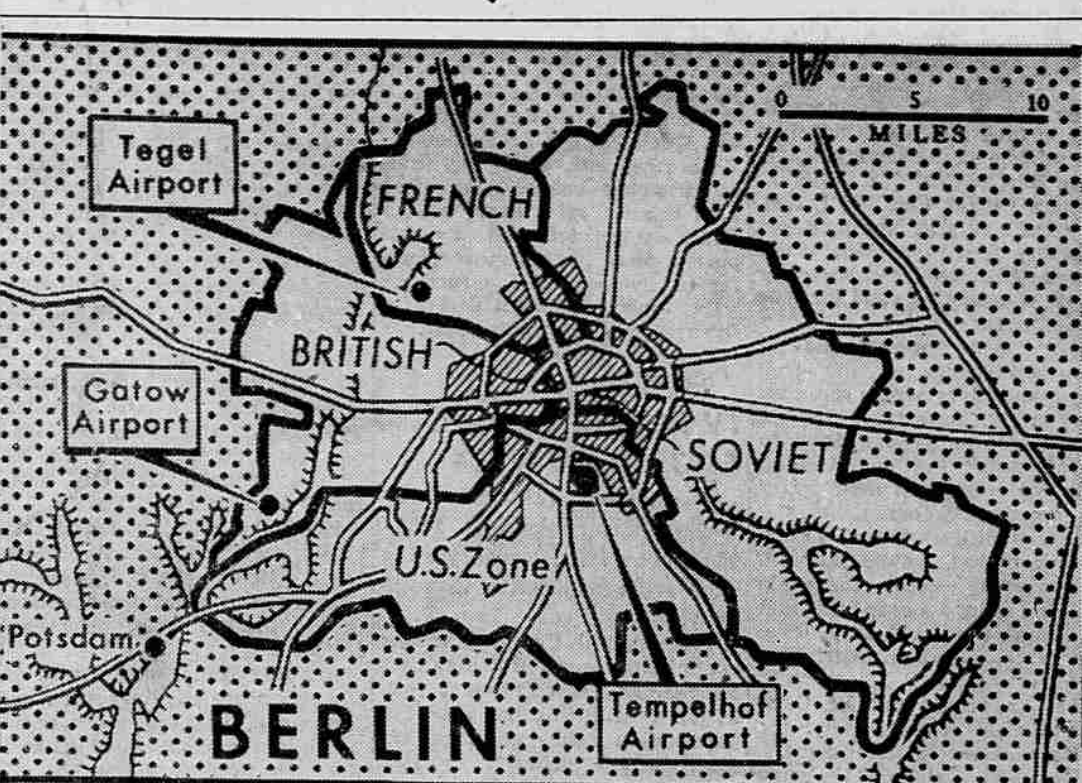
New Spillway Forms
At Fish lake, forms for a new spillway have been constructed but due to weather conditions, concrete will not be poured until next spring. Construction of a fish screen at Fish lake is to be postponed until after irrigation season next fall.

Work being done at the lakes is part of an extensive rehabilitation program which will cost an estimated \$1,712,000 and will

take about six years to complete. The Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts have agreed to repay the cost of the program over a 40 year period.

Water users of the two districts approved the repayment contract in an election July 15. It is expected that decreases in operation and maintenance costs due to improvement of the canal and distribution system of the irrigation districts will offset the payments to the government, resulting in no increase in water assessments.

ke Confers With GOP Leaders; No Decision



TROUBLE BREWING—East German Communists threaten new blockade of Berlin by refusing to renew yearly permits for West German barges to haul supplies through Soviet zone. Other travel interferences may follow, West German officials believe.

Soviet Parliament Session Increases Retirement Rumors

London—(U.P.)—The Soviet government's sudden call for an off-schedule session of Russia's parliament increased Saturday the rumors that Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov is about to retire.

The Manchester Guardian speculated that ex-Premier G. M. Malenkov, now minister of electric power stations, also may be on the way out.

Radio Moscow announced Friday that the Supreme Soviet will meet Dec. 23, for the third time this year. It is the first time in history that the organization has met more than twice in one year.

Reports Slated
United Press Staff Correspondent Henry Shapiro reported from Moscow that subjects likely to come up at the unprecedented Soviet session include a report by Molotov on the abortive Geneva Foreign Ministers' conference and a report by communist boss N. S. Khrushchev and Premier N. A. Bulganin on their current tour of India and Burma.

A Moscow broadcast Saturday said Molotov and other top Soviet leaders are taking part in district political conferences in Moscow "in an atmosphere of great political activity."

Rumors that the 67-year-old foreign minister is about to retire began circulating in May, when he remarked at a banquet in Vienna that he and the foreign ministers of the Western Big Three are all "too old."

Molotov Apology
A new wave of speculation was touched off in October when the magazine Communist printed an abject apology by Molotov for a "major ideological error" he said he had committed in a speech to the Supreme Soviet.

In the past, such "confessions" have usually been an indication that the apologist is about to vanish from public life.

Molotov himself is apparently weary of the subject. When correspondents at a Moscow reception asked him in late October about his retirement plans he snapped "that question is exhausted" and stalked away.

Sports Bulletins

Rogue River—Eagle Point
high evened its week end basketball series with Rogue River last night by downing the Chiefs 47 to 41. Jack Greb paced the Eagles with 20 counters and Bilbee Lane had 17 for Rogue River.

Ashland—Ashland high's basketball aggregation ran over Talster here last night 53 to 33. Quarterly margins all favored the Grizzlies 16 to 13, 35 to 23 and 47 to 29.

Central Point—Del Norte
high of Crescent City, Calif., tripped Crater 53 to 42 in a basketball game here last night. Period scores favored the Californians 9 to 8, 29 to 21 and 39 to 31. Sam Wigley scored 13 points, Bob Linderman 12 and Bill Sullivan 11 for Del Norte. Harold Lefler got 11 for Crater.

Cave Junction—St. Mary's
high of Medford made it two hoop victories in a row over Illinois Valley by trimming the Cougars 62 to 41 here last night. Laval Meunier racked up 21 tallies and Dick Paup 17 for the Crusaders and George Plumlee put in 17 for Illinois Valley. St. Mary's headed 16 to 2, 36 to 15 and 49 to 30 at the intermissions.

Recommend Grant For RV Hospital
Salem—(U.P.)—A federal grant of \$563,000 for a proposed 78-bed hospital at Medford was recommended here Friday by the Oregon State Board of Health.

Board members pointed out that state approval was tantamount to a grant of the Hill-Burton act funds. The state would match the federal funds and the balance would be raised locally in southern Oregon.

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The board also approved federal financial aid to the extent of \$12,030 to complete an addition to Holladay Park hospital in Portland; \$6,833 for an addition Blue Mountain general hospital at Prairie City, and \$175,000 to remodel and enlarge Hood River Memorial hospital.

Federal funds approved will be available during the current fiscal year.

Bids for Armory May Be Called in 2 Weeks
The proposed new Medford armory may be put out for bids in as soon as two weeks, according to a National Guard engineering officer.

Lt. Col. Paul L. Kliever, head of the engineering division of the Guard, last week informed City Councilman Harold Frye that the revised plans for the armory will be flown to Washington next week for review by the National Guard bureau, and it is hoped they will win quick approval.

The new building, to be constructed on the fairgrounds at an estimated cost of \$348,000, will replace the old armory largely destroyed by fire several years ago. City, county, state and federal funds will be used.

Communists Refuse To Renew Permits For Supply Barges

Berlin—(U.P.)—The East German Communist regime took its first step toward a possible new blockade of Berlin Saturday.

The Communists refused to renew the yearly permits by which West German barges bring 1,500,000 tons of supplies to West Berlin through the Soviet occupation zone.

Allied officials believe that attempts to interfere with highway, railroad and perhaps even air traffic may follow.

Barge companies made application to the East German Waterways Administration for renewal of transit permits, which expire on Dec. 31.

Rejection Grounds
The applications were rejected on the ground that East Germany is now a "sovereign" state and that renewal of permits must be discussed directly between the traffic ministers of the West German and East German governments.

This was an open attempt to force the West German government of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer to recognize the East German puppet regime. It implied a threat to blockade Berlin if recognition were refused.

Adenauer has said that he will not recognize the Red regime.

Allied officials expressed belief that the barge permit refusal might be the first move in a Communist "master plan" to use the alleged sovereignty of East Germany to cut the life lines of West Berlin's communications to the West.

Berlin is an enclave, under American-British-French-Russian occupation. It is separated by 110 miles of Soviet occupied territory from the West German government.

The East Germans were taking their stand by virtue of the announcement on Sept. 20 that Russia had signed a "treaty" with the East German puppet regime giving it "complete sovereignty."

Death Toll Mounts In British Wreck
London—(U.P.)—The death toll mounted to 13 Saturday in Britain's second major train wreck in less than two weeks.

Police were still seeking to identify bodies of homebound theater-goers killed in Friday night's flaming crash of a suburban London-Windsor train.

Twelve bodies were pulled from the charred wreckage and 33 persons were hospitalized with injuries. One of the injured—Engineer Alfred Flanders—died Saturday of burns and two others are on the danger list.

The crowded electric train, last of the night on the suburban line, smashed into the rear of a slow freight about midnight. The lead coach pitched across the line's live third rail and burst into flame.

Only three of the victims were identified.

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Knowland, Martin Urge Intentions; Program Reviewed

Tax Relief, School Aid Among Listed Projects

Gettysburg, Pa.—(U.P.)—Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland again called on President Eisenhower Saturday to make an early decision on whether he will run for a second term. He made the demand while virtually standing on Mr. Eisenhower's doorsteps.

Knowland told reporters, immediately after a private conference with Mr. Eisenhower, that it was his personal opinion the President has reached "no final decision" on his 1956 intentions. Then the Californian, who may be a candidate himself, said it would be "helpful" if the Chief Executive would make up his mind soon.

Says Ike Will Run
House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr., who had a separate talk with Mr. Eisenhower, came away convinced that the President will consent to run again "for the sake of the world." But Martin acknowledged that this was just his own opinion; he said he didn't talk to Mr. Eisenhower about his 1956 plans because this is "the poorest time" for such a discussion.

Knowland, on the other hand, firmly refused to say whether he discussed 1956 politics with the President. He did say, however, that he did not directly express to Mr. Eisenhower his plans for an early decision. Knowland previously had called on the Chief Executive to speak out.

Both Martin and Knowland got a preview of the legislative program Mr. Eisenhower will present to the new session of congress next month. The five key points outlined by Martin contained no major surprises.

They included tax relief—if the budget is balanced; a big national highway building program; Federal aid to schools; new farm legislation; and creation of a new agency to foster increased world trade.

Knowland's strong reiteration of his demand under Saturday's circumstances made clear that the Senate GOP leader is growing increasingly restive about the prospect that it may be late next month or even February before Mr. Eisenhower reveals his intentions.

Waits Doctors Reports
The present White House plan is for Mr. Eisenhower to make his decision after he gets a final report from his doctors on how fully he has recovered from his Sept. 24 heart attack. The doctors have said that report may not come out until late January or February, after they have had a chance to see how he stands up under "the strain of an increasing work load."

Knowland told reporters Mr. Eisenhower should give the Republican party "ample opportunity" to select another candidate if he decides against running.

He also said again that he believes the GOP can win the 1956 elections with or without Mr. Eisenhower.

Asked whether he will announce his own candidacy if Mr. Eisenhower fails to declare by the end of January, Knowland said the question was "premature" until the President has clarified his own position.

Eugene Firm Apparent Low Bidder on Sewer
Apparent low bidder Friday, on the basis of unchecked figures, for constructing a trunk line sewer for the South Bear Creek Sanitary District was Coast Construction Co. of Eugene; it was reported Saturday.

Coast Construction bid \$46,321 on the job, which had been estimated by engineers at \$47,800. Apparent second low bid was \$48,843 by Warren H. Conrad, Medford. There were five bids in all.

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